

Monday: 19/10/20

2 Kings 7:3-11

What are you waiting for? In this story we read of four lepers. Outcasts from society who lived on the very city edge and on whatever was thrown to them. They had no status and would be shunned by all. Their desperate state was even painful as the city was besieged. Food was scarce and they were starving. As they considered their situation they realised they could enter the city and be killed, stay outside the gate and die or throw themselves on the mercy of the enemy. It was this choice they took and were surprised.

There are times when we too need to weigh up our options and take action. Walking by faith when the road ahead is dark with disappointment takes courage and a resolute heart.

Lord, guide my steps, towards you each day

Tuesday: 20/10/20

James 1:27

There are three important truths in this verse.

To begin with, a need for a religion that is pure and acceptable by God our Father. The practice of faith is described here as the act of religion.

Secondly, there needs to be an active showing of faith through caring for orphans and widows. We show our faith through our acts of kindness.

Lastly, we are told not to become polluted by the world. The world sees charity as a weakness. We are to see it as our calling.

In all that I do may I reflect your love

Wednesday: 21/10/20

Proverbs 29:17

The adage ‘spare the rod and spoil the child’ was well and truly the mantra of the 1960’s. With such advocates as Dr Benjamin Spock extolling parents to give their children all the room to explore and be whatever they wanted to be. An environment without limitations and limited rules. Even today there are those who will become angry if someone uses the word ‘no’ to a child.

Yet our world has not become the peaceful creative environment that was projected. Instead we have at least three generations of selfish individuals who have no understanding of their social responsibilities.

Here we are told of the value of proper discipline. It doesn’t express harsh discipline. But a discipline that teaches self restraint.

May I seek to know my limitations in all I do

Thursday: 22/10/20

1 Kings 8:56

What if we stop asking ourselves what if? What we may or may not see happen tomorrow is a matter for God. There’s a good reason God is referred to as the Alpha and the Omega. He is both the beginning and the end. He has seen your journeys beginning and the end of it as well.

When we become fretful of what the future may hold, we only need to look to the past. In this verse we learn that the Lord has given us a day of complete rest. We’ll always have worries, yet we have God who is greater than all our worries.

In your hands I place my fears of tomorrow

Friday: 23/10/20

Matthew 14:25-32

There are several messages threaded within these verses. The first is that Jesus approached the boat in which the disciples were travelling. His mastery of the very waves that rocked the boat reveals to us his divine nature.

The second is how easily Peter, well known for his youthful actions, challenged Jesus by saying to him to call him to come out of the boat Jesus calls him and he steps out of the boat and walks towards him on the waves and through the wind.

Peter feels the waves and the wind and has doubts. He begins to question if what he was doing was all that wise. Jesus reaches out to Peter in his time of weakness and helps him back to the boat.

I pray I will stay focused on the one who helps all

Saturday: 24/10/20

2 Corinthians 7:10

Paul writes to the Corinthians and follows up with an earlier letter he had sent them. The first letter had admonished them for some sins they had let creep into their community. While this verse refers to the fact that they had recognised, admitted to and repented of the sin.

A Christian will find repentance that brings closure without regrets. Something the world is unable to understand or comprehend. Worldly logic will tell people that they must live with regret.

I repent what I have done and embrace your grace

Oh, for eyes that can see



Bitter are the eyes of the World.
Ever looking inward,
Towards such things as...

Self gratification
Self justification
Self righteousness

Oh for eyes that can see.

Perfect are the eyes of the Lord.
Ever looking outward,
Towards such things as...

The hungry and lonely
The tortured and afraid
The lost and confused

Oh for eyes that can see

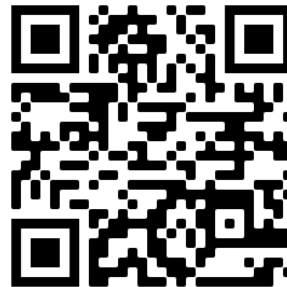
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